

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## HB 2595

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As Reported by Senate Committee On:  
Government Operations, Tribal Relations & Elections, February 21, 2012

**Title:** An act relating to the Washington state horse park authority.

**Brief Description:** Expanding membership of the Washington state horse park authority.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Hinkle, Eddy, Warnick, Kristiansen and Angel.

**Brief History:** Passed House: 2/09/12, 97-0.

**Committee Activity:** Government Operations, Tribal Relations & Elections: 2/21/12 [DP].

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, TRIBAL RELATIONS & ELECTIONS

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Pridemore, Chair; Swecker, Ranking Minority Member; Chase, Nelson and Roach.

**Staff:** Sharon Swanson (786-7447)

**Background:** The Legislature authorized the establishment of the Washington State Horse Park Authority (Authority) in 1995. The Authority is a nonprofit corporation responsible for developing, promoting, operating, managing, and maintaining the Washington State Horse Park located on a 112-acre site in Cle Elum. The Authority is a public-private partnership governed by a seven member volunteer board of directors appointed by the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission (Commission) comprised of the following:

- one representative of the interests of the Commission;
- one representative of the interests of the county in which the Horse Park is located; and
- five representatives of different horse disciplines, activities, and professions, with at least one board member having business experience relevant to the organization of horse shows or operation of a horse show facility.

**Summary of Bill:** The board of directors of the Washington State Horse Park Authority is expanded from seven to 11 members, and initial term lengths for the new members are prescribed. All four new members represent the geographic and sports discipline diversity of equestrian interests. The number of board members having business experience relevant to

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the organization of horse shows or operation of a horse show facility is increases from one to three.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:** PRO: This bill expands the Authority from seven to 11 members, and increases the number of members with business experience putting on horse shows or operating horse show facilities.

**Persons Testifying:** PRO: Representative Warnick.